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Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER <i>the Groton Independent</i>		2. DATE OF FILING <i>10-5-99</i>	
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE <i>Weekly</i>		3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY <i>52</i>	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE <i>31.80 local 40.00 elsewhere</i>
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) <i>PO Box 588 Groton SD 57445-0588 (Brown County)</i>			
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printer) <i>PO Box 588 Groton SD 57445-0588 (Brown County)</i>			
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: <i>Paul Ervin Kosef</i>			
7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.)			
FULL NAME <i>Next Generation Publications, Inc.</i>		COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS <i>PO Box 588 Groton SD 57445-0588</i>	
8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form) <i>Northwest Bank Groton SD 57445</i>			
9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION (See instructions on reverse side)		AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		<i>700</i>	<i>700</i>
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales		<i>24</i>	<i>24</i>
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		<i>622</i>	<i>622</i>
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)		<i>646</i>	<i>646</i>
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES		<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D)		<i>651</i>	<i>651</i>
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		<i>42</i>	<i>42</i>
2. Return from News Agents		<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)		<i>700</i>	<i>700</i>
I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.		SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER <i>Paul J Kosef</i>	

State of South Dakota

Sworn to before me this 20th day ofCounty of *Brown*October, 19__

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Anita Lowery

Notary Public

My commission expires 9/15/03